MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know the condition if any to be satisfied before the opening of a new Sub-Registry office in any place ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There must be sufficient work for a Sub-Registry office.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Will there be any financial loss to the Government if a Sub-Registry office is opened at Edappalli ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That has to be enquired into.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know whether the Sub-Registry offices in the State are self-supporting ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I think we get a surplus revenue from the Registration Department. After meeting the expenditure, there is a small balance left over.

Floods in Kuzhittura.

240. * MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government have drawn up any and, if so, what scheme to protect the Kuzhittura town from frequent floods in the Kuzhittura river ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : Yes. The Chief Engineer reports that the original idea of raising the road from the M. S. Road to Kuzhittura has been given up as it has been found to be expensive and would entail rebuilding the houses along the road. He has now proposed to form a flood bank 2 feet above the M. F. L. from the Munsiff's Court to the bridge and has asked the Division Officer, Nagercoil, to submit an estimate for the same.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : May I know whether the present scheme is a feasible one ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : Yes.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : May I know whether the Chief Engineer has visited the place in connection with this scheme ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : Yes, he has.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : May I know whether he has applied for sanction for proceeding with this work ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : I have not got the estimate yet.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : May I know whether the member regards this as an urgent work ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : I think it is work that might be done.

PRESIDENT : The research into the question regarding 'bags' *versus* 'bugs' has resulted in the discovery of the fact that the Honourable member who sent the notice had a bad typist. He has typed the word 'bags' in both places. So it is not the mistake of the office or of the printer.

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